GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted monitoring committee for the procurement of medicines for Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani stores of CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof, system-wise;

(c) the time taken for testing of medicines under each system; and

(d) the details of other formalities required after the completion of test of medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The monitoring committees are called Purchase Advisory Committee.Provisioning Committee and Inspection Committee for Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems.

(c) About two months.

(d) In case of Ayurvedic system, before issuing the medicines to the dispensaries/units/Hospital, the bulk supply of each medicine is being checked and examined by the Physicians` Panel. However, those medicines which contain gold/opium/bhang are being sent for laboratory test at PLIM, Ghaziabad, for confirmation.
In case of Unani system, there is organoleptic method for testing Unani medicines which may be understood as physical examination of the medicines by their specific characters are there is no laboratory testing available till date. On the spot tests are done by the Committee of senior Unani Physicians. After the completion of the tests, the medicines are issued on regular and by hand indenting system to the CGHS Unani dispensary/Units working in New Delhi, as per their requirement on monthly or urgency basis. In cases of Homoeopathic system, after the completion of test of medicines, a report is given by Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ghaziabad.The medicines which pass the test are taken on charge and supplied to the demanding CGHS Homoeo dispensaries/units of CGHS Delhi/New Delhi.